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LONG-TERM GOALS

The long-term goal of the Walter Munk Award is to recognize excellence in ocean science related to sound and the sea, and to foster research in oceanography related to sound and the sea anticipating benefits from such research to naval operations.

OBJECTIVES

To recognize a deserving scientist working in the field of ocean acoustics and to demonstrate the Navy's strong support of acoustical oceanography.

APPROACH

The Oceanography Society publicizes the call for nominations for the Walter Munk Award in relevant scientific publications, websites and e-mail lists. Nominations are solicited from the international oceanographic community.

WORK COMPLETED

All evaluation work was completed in FY 05 and the award was presented in February 2006.

RESULTS

Dr. Peter Worcester received the award at a ceremony at the TOS/ASLO/AGU Ocean Sciences Meeting, February 20-26, 2006, in Honolulu, HI. He gave a plenary lecture on ocean acoustics after the award presentation.

IMPACT/APPLICATIONS

The presentation of the Munk Award to an excellent researcher in the field of ocean acoustics fosters the development of future scientists in this field, with eventual benefits to research in naval operations.

TRANSITIONS

N/A

RELATED PROJECTS

N/A

REFERENCES

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PATENTS

N/A

HONORS/AWARDS/PRIZES

This award has been presented to the persons listed below:

- 1993: Walter Munk, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, USA
- 1994: David M. Farmer, Institute of Ocean Sciences, Canada
- 1996: Leonid M. Brekhovskikh, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Russia
- 1997: Stephen A. Thorpe, Southampton Oceanography Centre, UK
- 1999: Robert Pinkel, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, USA
- 2001: Dr. Robert C. Spindel, Applied Physics Laboratory of the University of Washington
- 2003: Dr. H. Thomas Rossby, Graduate School of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island, USA
- 2005: Dr. Peter Worcester, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, USA (selected in 2005, presented in February 2006)